

BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE
FULL BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
13 AUGUST 2008
Open Session
Minutes

Board Members in Attendance:

David R. Gifford, MD, MPH, Chair

Patrick Barry, Esq.

Thomas Breslin, MD

Norm Chapman

Charles Cronin, DO

Robert Dinwoodie, DO

Joseph DiPietro, Esq.

Richard P. Iacobucci, MD

Noubar Kessimian MD

Shelagh McGowan

Board Members Absent:

Margaret Coughlin

Staff Members in Attendance:

Robert S. Crausman, MD, Chief Administrative Officer

Bruce W. McIntyre, Board General Counsel

Linda Julian, Board Investigator

Mary Salerno, Administrative Officer

Jeannine Jeha, Medical Intern

1. A quorum was established at 8:30 AM.

2. On a motion by Dr. Breslin seconded by Mr. DiPietro it was voted to approve the minutes of the 7 August 2008 Licensing Committee meeting with the addition of Rowena Pingul Ravano, MD. This physician passed all 3 sections of the USMLE after many attempts over the accepted number. She will be licensed for 2 years and the license will be restricted to include clinical activities related to her Maternal/Fetal Fellowship program at Brown Medical School/Memorial Hospital of RI. She may reapply after the 2-year period for a full medical license. On a motion by Dr. Iacobucci seconded by Mr. DiPietro it was voted to approve the license. The motion passed with one abstention.

3. On a motion by Mr. Chapman seconded by Dr. Cronin it was voted to approve the minutes of the Open Session of the 9 July 2008 meeting.

4. Chief Administrative Officer's Report

A. Rhode Island Hospital Update: The report submitted by Dr. John Murphy shows that the hospital has improved regarding documentation of resident supervision of procedures and daily visit

notes. General surgery and orthopedics remain areas for improvement. The hospital will be required to submit another report in January 2009 for the 6-month time period. It was pointed out that this recent report only comments on procedures completed in March when it was requested that comments apply to March through May. It was felt that the next report would reflect this information. A letter outlining further requirements was presented to Dr. Gifford for signature.

B. Mr. McIntyre reviewed the FSMB automated licensing procedure. This is being implemented in 2 stages, License Portability and Common License Application Form (CLAF). In Rhode Island, license renewals will be done on-line with the CLAF but initial applications will remain paper. The CLAF will have pre-populated fields by the USMLE and the FSMB. D.O. physicians are not yet included in this process and will remain as paper renewals.

C. FCVS Processing Times: The FCVS has greatly improved its turn around time for supplying the FCVS but 5% of requests still take more than 6 weeks.

D. Older Licensure Applicants who do not meet current licensing standards: There is a letter of inquiry for possible licensure in RI from a physician licensed over 20 years ago in another state, Dr. Frederick Michel. This physician was licensed at that time prior to the current RI 2-year clinical post-graduate training requirement, which

was adopted 10 years ago. Although this physician would have been eligible for licensure 20 years ago in RI, current requirements regarding training would prohibit him from being licensed in RI today.

In addition, this physician has been in a mostly administrative position for most of that time. Board discussion included waiving of the 2-year requirement if applicant is Board Certified by an entity acceptable to the Board and examination of an applicants current level of clinical competence. Mr. McIntyre will research the RI Statute and report back as to the Board's ability to be flexible on a case-by-case basis. According to the written standard this candidate is not eligible for a full medical license.

E. Direct Billing Letter if Inquiry: The Board is unaware of issues in this area. Mr. McIntyre will follow-up with the questioner.

5. Old Business:

Draft Regulations for Advanced Practice Clinicians - still in progress.

6. New Business:

None presented at this time.

7. At 9:20 AM the Board adjourned to Executive Session pursuant to Sections 46-42-4 and 42-46-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws.